

A VOYAGE OF BRILLIANCE.

A BLAZE OF LIGHT FROM THE BANQUET TABLE CENTERPIECE.

Flowers That Exude Perfume and at the Same Time Shed a Very Destructible and Diffusive Illumination.

Electric lighting fixtures have undergone a remarkable change in the last few years and from modified gas fixtures they have become distinct fixtures of artistic merit. Decorative lighting has developed a large number of ornamental forms of globes and lights very often disguising the true character of the apparatus. Chief among the recent novelties in this line are electrically illumined artificial flowers or stands which are so combined with real flowers that the eye does not quite grasp which are which. For large banquet, ta-

bles in palatial hosteries and private residences, where a centerpiece is an absolute necessity, the new design is particularly adapted. These fittings are gotten up in most elaborate designs of electroplated silverware and polished brass and represent illumined artificial flowers, such as roses, poppies, daffodils, tulips, etc., mounted in handsome china or earthenware jars. These are suitable for side table

and especially adapted for conservatory purposes, where they show the effect in a dimly light. In each fitting many tiny electric lamps are concealed. An abundance of space is also provided for water and fresh flowers, which make the decorations all the greater. At one recent function, unrivalled for its lavish expenditures for decorations, smaller fittings were used, and flowers, which placed at regular intervals, some only having one, others two, and others three or four electric blooms.

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ly bearded. He has done much for science, and cannot but believe when he says he has discovered something there must be something in what he says. He is fond of the young men, but particularly of his students, and most of all he likes young Americans. He stands very high as an authority and has been thirty-one years



DR. SAMUEL SCHENCK.

a professor in the University of Vienna."

Professor Macloski, of Princeton, says this of Dr. Schenck's claim:

"I am not at all surprised at Dr. Schenck's ideas. In fact, I have been expecting just

such a development for a long time. I realize that the power of the selection is practically instantly the present time.

"The possibility of sex selection by man is but a natural development of the power which scientists some time ago discovered of sex in selection in plant and some of the animals and animals. If the plant is grown on a very rich soil, the plant will be of the female sex, whereas, scanty soil will produce the male plant. It has been found that when salamanders, ordinarily known as lizards, are kept in a very rich soil, all of their young are females, but when as is sometimes the case, they are fed upon the fragments of their brothers and sisters, the young are almost entirely males."

actual percentage of males and females produced by meager feeding starved caterpillars, for instance, being invariably of the male sex. In fact, modern biology has found that there is, fundamentally, no difference between the male and female of a particular kind of egg, the female egg requiring a large supply of food and moving very slowly. The male egg, on the other hand, does not need much nutriment and moves with great rapidity. Eggs are, in many one of the quantitatively most important means of the distribution of food.

"If this possibility of sex selection were made practicable among men, the food that would be necessary for the male selection would be transferred to the female selection. A satisfied hen punger without supplying ver-

rich nutriment. The development of the female child, on the other hand, requires a rich and nutritive food on her mother's part.

Dr. Schenck seems to fear that when the germ of disease has once been manifested in a woman, all future offspring would be of the same order. I do not think that is necessarily the case. It is true that it is certainly be an abnormal condition, and if scientists discovered a tendency of this character, it would be a very desirable thing to address themselves to remedying this matter; and I think such a remedy could be found.

"What are you going to be when you grow up, Tommy?" asked Uncle Bob.

"I don't know," Tommy replied. "I was going to be a giant," said the little fellow, glancing down at his half-outgrown trousers and coat.—Harper's Bazar.